



**JOHN JUENEMANN** (above) did the auctioneering while Natasha Weishapl held up a cordless drill during the annual hospital benefit Saturday night at the American Legion. Rusty Addleman (below) was one of the bidders

for University of Kansas items – including a basketball signed by Coach Bill Self.

— Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

## Event draws crowd

The Decatur County Hospital golf benefit and dinner Saturday raised around \$12,500 to help update the lobbies in the hospital and the family practice clinic.

Administrator Lynn Doeden said she thought the hospital ended up with \$18,950 before the bills were paid. The money raised through the golf tournament, dinner, auctions and raffles will help buy new carpet and paint and furniture for the lobbies.

Mrs. Doeden said she wants the lobbies in the speciality clinic, the clinic and the hospital to have some continuity. Since the speciality clinic is fairly new, she added, it doesn't need any updating.

Saturday morning, 28 four-person teams played golf at the Oberlin Country Club. The winning team included Bob and Deanna Castle and Chuck and Janet Look of Oberlin.

That evening, about 161 people attended the benefit dinner at the American Legion Hall, Mrs. Doeden said. The count was down a little from last year, she added.

During the dinner, the hospital board held a silent and live auction. Mrs. Doeden said donations for the auctions were also down a little, although she thought that could be due to the economy.

Three raffles were held during the dinner. A three-minute shop-



ping spree at Raye's Grocery was won by Diane Barrett, a putter by Alvera Bruggeman and an iPod

Touch by Deb Klima. Mrs. Doeden said the entire event had gone very well and they

had beautiful weather for the golf tournament.

## School to start on Friday

School starts bright and early Friday morning for students in the Oberlin School District.

Teachers and staff have been in the buildings all week, preparing for the kids in kindergarten through 12th grade to return to the classrooms and hallways.

The day starts at 8:20 a.m. at Oberlin Elementary School and at 8:10 a.m. at the junior/senior high.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said everything is ready to go at both buildings.

There are two new teachers in the district, he said. Dana Juemann will teach English at the high school full time and Jennifer Tally, working part time, will be in charge of the grade school vocal music program. She will also be the district's accompanist.

Over the summer, he said, the district staff worked to improve the lighting in the classrooms at the grade school and the hallways at the high school. Workers put in new carpet in four classrooms at the grade school and new flooring in the halls at the high school.

Mr. Dorshorst said they started

## Numbers are down

Early enrollment figures show the Oberlin School District down 10 students compared to last year, officials say, although a few more might still trickle in.

Enrollment was held earlier this month at the grade school and junior/senior high school. Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said 342 students (See EARLY on Page 12)

a project to replace windows in the cafeteria at the high school, although it wasn't yet finished as of last week.

All of the teachers will receive new laptop computers and some of the student laptops have been replaced, he said. The computer labs in the high school and the computers in the high school library have been (See SCHOOL on Page 12)

## Crops battered, windows broken by large hail stones

Hail stones broke windshields, windows, vinyl siding and crops and damaged roofs Tuesday night in and around Decatur County, though Oberlin was largely spared any damage.

While there weren't any reports of large hail in Oberlin, the city did receive about an inch of rain. Both the Danbury and Norcatar areas reported hail bigger than two inches as a storm that pounded McCook swept on to the southeast.

The National Weather Service in Goodland started getting calls with reports of hail at 4:15 p.m. Meteorologist Chris Schaffer said the service didn't have any reports of tornadoes, just hail and some wind.

The first report came from four miles southeast of Danbury, with hail measuring 2.75 inches. Just 14 minutes later, 1-inch hail was reported at Cedar Bluffs and 26 minutes after that, reports started to come in from Norcatar. Stones 2.5 inches in diameter were reported a mile west of Norcatar.

Other reports included 1-inch and 1.75-inch hail a little after 5 p.m. in Norcatar.

At 5:10 p.m., Mr. Schaffer said, the service had reports of hail denting cars and breaking windows in homes.

At 6:53 p.m., a spotter in Selden reported 1.75 inch hail five miles north of town from a storm that started near Atwood and tracked southwest of Oberlin. A few minutes later, the same was reported 13 miles

south of Oberlin. At 8:10 p.m., said Mr. Schaffer, one-inch hail was reported seven miles west of Oberlin.

Fifteen minutes later, two reports came in from Oberlin, one with three-quarter-inch hail and another of 1.25-inch hail.

Fonda Farr, an agent at Fredrickson Insurance in Oberlin, said they have had reports of heavy hail near Norcatar, some in Herndon and lighter hail in south Oberlin.

She said she probably had six or seven claims on Thursday and lots of calls on everything from crop damage to roofs to cars to siding.

Some farmers carry hail insurance on their crops and can get paid for damage through that, Mrs. Farr said. Otherwise, multi-peril insurance, which is part of federal crop insurance, might cover some of the loss.

City Clerk Deb Marshall said three windows were broken at the Norcatar City Office in the old school building, one in the news sheet office and two cracked in the library.

Volunteers and a contractor have been putting a new roof on the building. Mrs. Marshall said she didn't think the new roof had been damaged, but added that the insurance adjuster hasn't yet been there to take a look.

She said she's heard that a lot of people in town had windows and windshields broken during the storm.

## Man arrested on 154 counts

A Jennings man faces 154 misdemeanor counts of unlawful use of a financial card for allegedly using a Decatur Co-op gas card that didn't belong to him.

Joseph Carter, 21, was arrested by the Decatur County Sheriff's

Department Tuesday, July 26 on a warrant charging that he used a card issued to an Oberlin man for his personal gain.

Undersheriff Allen Marcum said the man allegedly found the card in a truck Brad Long bought from Alan

Marietta. Mr. Carter was working for the Longs at the time.

In his court file, the charge reads, "intentionally and with the intent to defraud and for the purpose of obtaining money goods or property, (See MAN on Page 12)

## Hospital hires full-time doctor

A Kansas-licensed doctor has been hired to work at the Decatur County Hospital and Family Practice Clinic starting at the end of the month.

Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden said Dr. Steven Albert of Junction City will start Monday, Aug. 29. He is licensed to practice in Kansas, she said, and will work at the clinic and the hospital, seeing patients of all ages.

Mrs. Doeden said she has also been talking with another doctor

about a job here, but no commitment has been made.

The management firm has hired two physician assistants to staff the hospital and clinic since last fall. Mrs. Doeden said she hopes to add one more doctor to the team by the end of the year.

## City mails notices about yards

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
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Sixty property owners should have received letters about yards that need to be mowed or weeds that need taken care of sometime last week, the Oberlin City Council learned on Thursday.

City Administrator Karen Larson said the city found 63 yards in town that need mowing or trimming. Of those, three had been taken care of before the letters went out. The city's contract code enforcement officer was to send the letters, she said.

On some of the yards, said Mayor Bill Riedel, the owners are elderly people who can't take care of the yards. It might be an opportunity for high school kids to get involved and help.

Councilman Josh Williby, who also teaches at the high school, said the students are getting into a busy time with sports practice lasting until 6:30 p.m. He

said one thing he's heard is that the students don't have enough time to do volunteer work.

Mr. Williby said he's had several people complain about the playground at City Park and about stickers in the grass and maintenance at the ball fields.

"If we are asking people to take care of their stuff," he said, "maybe we need to take care of ours, too." For the past few years, said Mrs. Larson, the city has hired people to mow the city parks. The city employees aren't at the parks to notice the stickers and such, she said, thanking Mr. Williby for letting them know.

Councilwoman Fonda Farr asked if anyone had cleaned up the yard at Derry Bishop's house at 711 W. Cedar. At a July meeting, the council passed a resolution in a 4-to-1 vote, with Councilman Rob McFee voting against it, ordering the premises be (See CITY on Page 12)





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## Fixing a valve



**ON THE SOUTH SIDE** of the city cemetery Thursday afternoon, Willard Perrin and Derek Chambers of the city water crew replaced a valve and pipe that had gone bad some time ago. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

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## \*Man arrested for using credit card

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to wit, fuel, use of a financial card without the consent of the cardholder, Alan Marietta, and/or Decatur Cooperative Association.”

Each use was less than \$500 but the 154 counts added up to \$5,562.93, the charges say.

Each time the card was used it was a different count:

- Jan. 4 for \$29.47.
- Jan. 7 for \$22.
- Jan. 8 for \$7.
- Jan. 10 for \$51 and \$20.
- Jan. 14 for \$90 and one for \$40.01.
- Jan. 15 for \$26.
- Jan. 16 for \$38.01.
- Jan. 18 for \$20.02 and one for \$10.01.
- Jan. 20 for \$59.01.
- Jan. 21 for \$29.
- Jan. 22 for \$24.01.
- Jan. 23 for \$9 and for \$22.01.
- Jan. 26 for \$25.
- Jan. 30 for \$44.01.
- Feb. 3 for \$26.
- Feb. 5 for \$18 and for \$57.52.
- Feb. 9 for \$30.01.
- Feb. 10 for \$24.
- Feb. 12 for \$20.
- Feb. 14 for \$57.01 and for \$7.01.
- Feb. 16 for \$51.01.
- Feb. 18 for \$24.01.
- Feb. 19 for \$31.01.

- Feb. 20 for \$29.
- Feb. 23 for \$32.
- Feb. 25 for \$34.01.
- Feb. 26 for \$99.36 and for \$20.01.
- Feb. 28 for \$30.02.
- March 2 for \$23.
- March 3 for \$33.
- March 4 for \$28.01.
- March 5 for \$32.02.
- March 6 for \$33.
- March 8 for \$28.01.
- March 9 for \$26.99.
- March 10 for \$33.01.
- March 12 for \$28.
- March 13 for \$33.01.
- March 16 for \$40.01.
- March 18 for \$30.01 and one for \$31.01.
- March 19 for \$35.
- March 20 for \$20.01.
- March 22 for \$81.
- March 23 for \$30.
- March 25 for \$25, \$54.01 and for \$18.
- March 26 for \$16.02 and one for \$18.
- March 27 for \$10.03.
- March 28 for \$13.
- March 29 for \$83.
- March 30 for \$45.
- April 1 for \$26.01 and \$25.
- April 3 for \$30.02.
- April 4 for \$29.
- April 7 for \$30.03.
- April 9 for \$35.07, \$30 and

- April 10 for \$108.04.
- April 12 for \$18.
- April 14 for \$25.01.
- April 16 for \$38.29.
- April 17 for \$64.52.
- April 19 for \$26.80, \$45.95, \$26.80 and \$18.02.
- April 21 for \$55.02.
- April 22 for \$27 and \$16.01.
- April 23 for \$34.
- April 24 for \$29.81 and \$20.
- April 25 for \$30.63.
- April 28 for \$76.01.
- April 29 for \$41.01.
- May 1 for \$36 and \$47.01.
- May 2 for \$46.
- May 3 for \$38.
- May 5 for \$59.60.
- May 6 for \$50.
- May 9 for \$47.01, \$68 and \$68.
- May 10 for \$57.
- May 12 for \$35.02 and \$42.01.
- May 13 for \$64.01 and \$17.
- May 14 for \$30.
- May 15 for \$52.06.
- May 16 for \$14.
- May 17 for \$49.19.
- May 18 for \$43.04.
- May 19 for \$50.03.
- May 21 for \$46.60.
- May 22 for \$46.80.
- May 23 for \$43.44 and \$39.49.
- May 24 for \$35.15.
- May 25 for \$41.66.

- May 26 for \$39.49.
- May 27 for \$39.49 and \$39.49.
- May 28 for \$59.24 and \$77.20.
- May 29 for \$14.02.
- May 30 for \$71.08.
- May 31 for \$31.59 and \$63.03.
- June 1 for \$11.
- June 2 for \$61.01 and \$40.08.
- June 4 for \$40.02.
- June 5 for \$40.02.
- June 6 for \$25.02.
- June 7 for \$45.59.
- June 8 for \$34.19.
- June 9 for \$30.39 and \$26.59.
- June 10 for \$22.79.
- June 11 for \$30.30 and \$59.04.
- June 12 for \$26.02.
- June 13 for \$23.02.
- June 14 for \$24.01.
- June 15 for \$31.15.
- June 16 for \$37.99.
- June 17 for \$41.79.
- June 18 for \$15.20.
- June 19 for \$19 and \$30.09.
- June 20 for \$27.07.
- June 21 for \$26.59 and \$35.06.
- June 23 for \$28.95.
- June 25 for \$25.33.
- June 26 for \$26.
- June 29 for \$34.02.
- July 5 for \$57.52.

The penalty for each charge could be up to one year in the county jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500.

## \*City mailed out 60 yard notices

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cleaned up and rid of old appliances, debris, metal and other items.

Mrs. Farr said she didn't think it looked that bad after looking at the yard.

Mr. Williby said he drove by the next morning, after passing the resolution, and it wasn't that bad.

Maybe the council should have held off, he said.

The council's packet included a

report from the code enforcement officer. Mr. Riedel said he didn't think anything had changed on the yard.

At 201 N. East, said Mrs. Larson, the city went in and mowed so people can see around the corner and then sprayed the trees and weeds.

There are 25 properties on the report, she said. Seven have been taken care of and the cases closed.

## \*Early enrollment shows 10 fewer kids

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enrolled for the coming year.

He said they had projected that the numbers would stay pretty steady from last year to this, expecting a few more to enroll.

While the preliminary numbers do show a decrease, the state count day isn't until Sept. 20, said Mr. Dorshorst, and a few more could come in before that.

If the final count is down, however, the district could have to cut its spending again.

He said the district lost more students at the grade school than at the high. The school lost a fairly big sixth grade with 28 students, but only 17 that came into the kindergarten.

The numbers won't affect the previously decided class setup at the grade school, he said.

Parents who didn't get their kids registered can still do so at the school offices, Mr. Dorshorst added.

## \*School to start Friday

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updated. In the music department, the district bought \$10,000 worth of instruments for the high school band.

He said they also have spent some money upgrading the music curriculum at the grade school.

He said he's excited about the

upcoming year. The district has a new high school principal and the two new teachers, and this is the second year for the eight-period day at the high school.

He said he's looking forward to another successful year.

## Board members to tour the schools

The Oberlin School Board will tour the district's buildings during its meeting next month.

The meeting will start at 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12, at the district office. From there, the members will tour the high school and grade school before heading back to the district office.

Board meetings, including the traditional end-of-summer tour, are open to the public.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said the district had received a request from the federal government to increase meal prices by a nickel this year.

Since the year's prices have already been published, he said, the district instead will transfer \$1,979 of nonfederal money into food services.

Mr. Dorshorst said the district actually transferred \$26,385 into food services at the beginning of the year, so the extra \$1,979 is covered.

Prices for lunch are \$2.05 for kindergarten through sixth grade, \$2.35 for seventh through 12th and \$2.60 for adults. Breakfast is set for \$1 for kindergarten through 12th grade and \$1.35 for adults.

Mr. Dorshorst said the board approved milk quotes from Cash-Wa Distributors out of Kearney,

Neb. The prices are based on the market and will vary monthly.

In August, the district will pay \$12.25 for a case of 50 cartons for 1 percent white milk and \$12.95 for a case of 50 cartons of chocolate and strawberry milk.

He said the district used the Thompson Co. of Grand Island, Neb., last year and probably will alternate between the two.

In other business, the district:

- Approved the budget for the coming school year, which includes a 3.637-mill increase in the property tax levy because the county valuation went down.

- Approved a document to use for reevaluating the superintendent.

Mr. Dorshorst said the document has been sent to the board members to be filled out.

- Approved a policy of using only the hard-surface roads, mostly the state highways, in bad weather.

Normally, school buses use unpaved township and county roads to get near children's homes. In bad weather, parents have to take kids to the highway or just take them to school.

- Approved requests for out-of-district transportation from Elsa Temmel and Cindy Shirley to the Norton School District and from Kim Easton to Golden Plains.

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